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GLOBAL VIEW

[Counter-ISIL Meetings Came At Critical Time, Carter Says](#)

DoD News Defense Media Activity, July 25

"We now have momentum in this fight and clear results on the ground in Iraq and Syria," Secretary Carter said.

[Afghan official says major offensive against Islamic State underway](#)

Associated Press, July 26

The Afghan military has launched a major offensive called Operation Shafaq against ISIL near the border with Pakistan.

[Afghanistan weighs Islamic State threat after Kabul attack](#)

Reuters, July 26

ISIL is threatening more attacks against Afghanistan's Hazara minority.

[The force leading the Iraq army's fight against ISIS went from 'dirty division' to golden boys](#)

Washington Post, July 27

The country's war against ISIL has restored the reputation of Iraq's counterterrorism forces, known as the Golden Division, which spearheaded nearly every major fight against the militants in Iraq. Their commanders have become battlefield celebrities.

[Pakistan, Egypt vow joint efforts against terror](#)

Daily Times, July 26

The Egyptian leaders expressed specific interest in benefiting from the Pakistan Army's experience in all facets of fighting terrorism, including countering IEDs.

[Counter-terrorism commander asserts full control in Sinai despite daily attacks](#)

(Link is inoperable. Google the title)

Daily News Egypt, July 26

The chief of the unified command east of the canal, stressed on Monday that Sinai is completely under the army's full control, noting that terrorists are being handed knockout blows.

THREAT NETWORKS

[Report: Nusra Front To Be Renamed, Cut Al-Qaeda Ties](#)

Breitbart, July 26

Nusra Front, the Syrian affiliate of Al-Qaeda, has decided to go independent.

[Amateur attacks mark shift for ISIS](#)

Washington Post, July 27

The Islamic State's war on Europe seems to have entered a dangerous new phase, evolving from highly coordinated operations on the grand boulevards of Paris and Brussels to amateur assaults in the hinterlands that have suddenly turned anyone, anywhere into a target.

TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

[From Beirut to Baghdad, 'useless' bomb detectors guard against disaster](#)

Reuters, July 26

The devices - which have even been sold to U.N. peacekeepers - have been condemned by forensic specialists as a dangerous waste of money, based on bogus science.

[New Army secretary makes fire, watches robots on first Pacific tour](#)

Stars and Stripes, July 27

"As we focus on trying to make sure we're prepared for increasingly creative adversaries and emergent threats, we need to make sure we're fielding new technology as quickly as we can," Fanning told reporters after the demonstrations.

[MIT tech leader tapped for new military R&D lab](#)

Boston Globe, July 26

Bernadette Johnson will serve as chief science officer of the Defense Innovation Unit-Experimental, known as DIUx, Defense Secretary Ash Carter said at an event in Cambridge Tuesday. Johnson, who has previously studied chemical and biological defense, most recently served as the Lincoln Lab's chief technology officer.

[Carter Officially Opens DIUx Boston](#)

National Defense Magazine Online, July 26

Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter officially opened the Defense Innovation Unit-Experimental in Boston on Tuesday, and unveiled a slew of new efforts to enhance the Pentagon's outreach to the commercial technology sector.

[DIU\(X\) Funds Brain-Hacking Headset](#)

Breaking Defense, July 26

Special operations troops will test a high-tech headset that "uses noninvasive electrical stimulation" to help the brain learn better marksmanship and hand-to-hand combat skills, Defense Secretary Ashton Carter said here Tuesday. This cutting edge example of "enhanced human operations" - a highly controversial field - is just the first commercial project funded by Carter's recently reorganized Defense Innovation Unit (Experimental).

[Increasingly eclectic Pentagon innovation board adds Neil deGrasse Tyson, Jeff Bezos](#)

Washington Post, July 26

The Pentagon's increasingly eclectic Defense Innovation Advisory Board has reached full strength, with celebrity astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson and Amazon.com founder Jeffrey P. Bezos among the latest named to a group that includes some of the private sector's most successful leaders.

TRAINING

[Aust Iraq trainers head outside the wire](#)

9 News Australia, July 26

Vice Admiral Johnston said this training would involve military skills needed for them to maintain security in areas recaptured from Islamic State. That includes training in repelling insurgent counter-attacks and awareness of IEDs.

[Senegal, US armies complete joint Africa Readiness Training](#)

Africa News, July 26

The objective of the is to boost both U.S and Senegalese forces' readiness through tough and realistic training, including combined live-fire events, counter-improvised explosive device detection and combat casualty care.